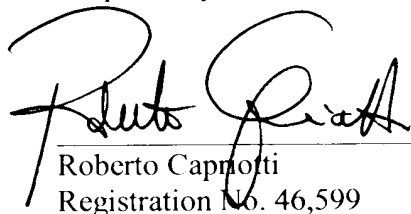


Applicant notes that although the cited references may be relevant to the examination of the above-referenced application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this *Information Disclosure Statement* "shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b)."

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicant submits that no fee is necessary for consideration of this *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement* because an Office Action on the merits has not yet been mailed. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fees necessary for consideration of this *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement* to Account No. 11-1110.

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